



State of California-Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Services



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor

September 17, 2004

TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN SERVICES (CCS)
ADMINISTRATORS, COUNTY SUPERVISING/CHIEF THERAPISTS,
AND CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF

SUBJECT: DIRECT ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF PATIENT THERAPY
RECORD DATA (PTR) BATCHES VIA CMSNET FOR
MEDICAL THERAPY UNIT (MTU) THERAPY SERVICES

The purpose of this letter is to inform California Children's Services (CCS) county programs of a change to allow the direct transmission of PTR data batches to Electronic Data Systems (EDS) for the purpose of obtaining reimbursement for MTU therapy services from the Medi-Cal program.

Currently, an analyst from the CMS Branch serves as an intermediary to upload the PTR batches from CMSNet to the Internet as part of the transmission process. In order to streamline this process, the branch will be assigned one Computer Media Claim (CMC) submitter number for all MTU provider numbers. This will allow PTR batches submitted through CMS Net to be transmitted directly to EDS electronically via nightly batch transaction. Your county will be notified when the new direct transmission process begins. This change will not effect payment; you will continue to receive the payment and denial information just as you do today.

In order for a county program to prepare for and to take advantage of this new feature, contact Julie Rundall, Information Systems Analyst, at (916) 327-0721 to assist in completing the application process. As a prerequisite the county MTU(s) must be certified as an outpatient rehabilitation center with an active Medi-cal provider number. Each county must submit to CMS Branch Information Systems Unit the usual and customary fees for MTU services, and prior inform the CMS Branch of the interest in utilizing the PTR electronic billing function.

ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN SERVICES (CCS) ADMINISTRATORS,
COUNTY SUPERVISING/CHIEF THERAPISTS,
AND CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF

Page 2

September 17, 2004

Any questions regarding the MTU PTR electronic billing process, contact Julie Rundall,
at (916) 327-0721.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By Bill White

Bill White, Chief
Information Technology Support Unit
Children's Medical Services Branch